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THE TOTALLY AWESOME HULK

PREVIOUSLY...

WHEN SUPER-GENIUS TEEN AMADEUS CHO CURED BRUCE BANNER AND TOOK ON THE POWERS AND MANTLE OF THE HULK, HE ALSO ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESS HIS EMOTIONS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY. ONLY UNDER THE MOST DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES DURING HIS TENURE AS THE HULK HAS AMADEUS BEEN FORCED TO TAP INTO HIS REPRESSED EMOTIONS TO PUSH HIS STRENGTH TO INCALCULABLE LEVELS TO SAVE THE DAY. HOWEVER, HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE BECOMING CONCERNED...

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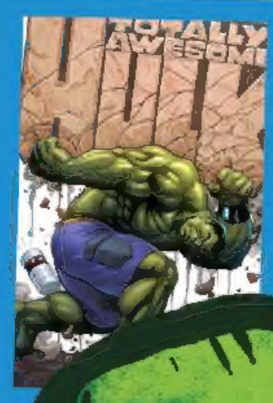

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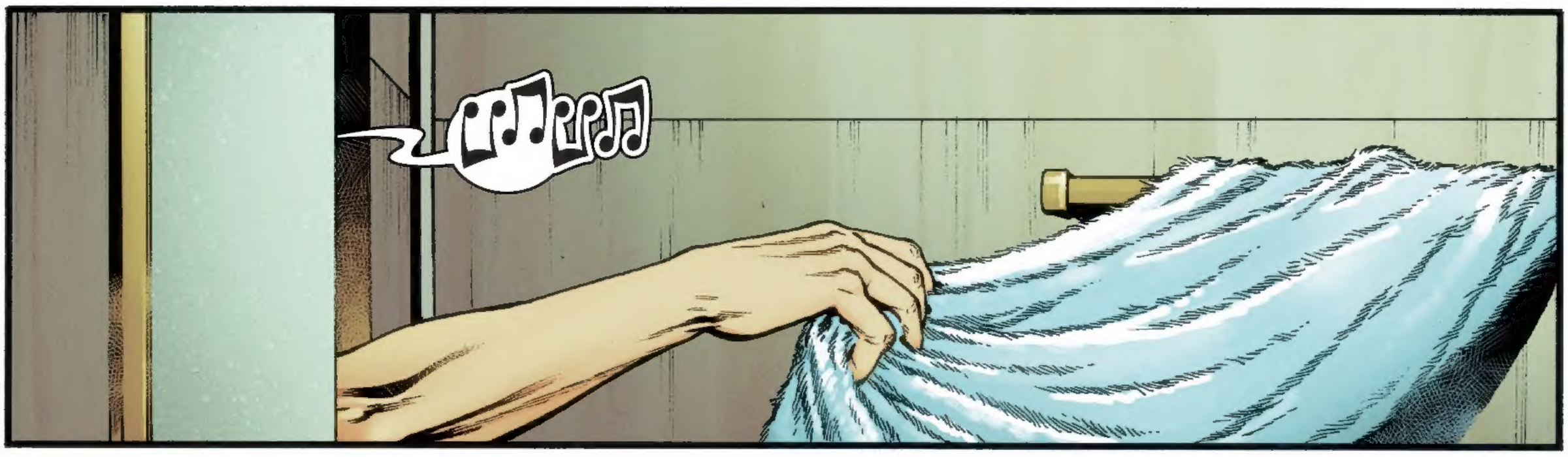

WHA--

HUH!

OH MY GOD...

ENOUGH.

OLYMPUS GROUP BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

"O.G." I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

OF COURSE YOU CAN...

...THIS IS *AMADEUS CHO* WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

THE *ORIGINAL GOOF.*

HA HA!

KAMALA KHAN, A.K.A. MS. MARVEL.

CINDY MOON, A.K.A. SILK.

DING DING DING

SO HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HIM RECENTLY? I MEAN, BEFORE GETTING THE INVITE?

NO. I MEAN, AFTER WE BEAT *PRINCE PHALKON,* HE SAID WE WERE ALL GONNA GET TOGETHER *ALL* THE *TIME,* RIGHT?

BUT THEN I SAW THOSE NEWS REPORTS ABOUT THAT MESS IN *TEXAS...*

OH, YEAH. WHAT WAS *THAT* ALL ABOUT?

I DUNNO. BUT HE TORE UP SOME *SUBURB* WITH A BUNCH OF *X-MEN.* I... *ASSUME* HE HAD A REASON?

UFF. THAT'S AMADEUS. TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL.

JAKE!

HEY, HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU AND AMADEUS WERE EVEN STILL *TALKING.*

JAKE OH, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

I KNOW, I WAS KINDA SURPRISED TO GET THE INVITE MYSELF.

SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME I SEE THAT KID, I END UP *FIGHTING* HIM.

WHO DOESN'T!

BUT HERE WE ARE!

HI! I'M MADDY, AMADEUS' SISTER! SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!

OH, IT'S OUR PLEASURE, THANKS SO MUCH!

MADAME CURIE "MADDY" CHO.

WHERE'S OUR LOVELY HOST?

OH, YOU KNOW...

...TRYING TO DO *EVERYTHING*, AS USUAL.

WHOOPS! HA HA!

FWOOOOSH

AMADEUS CHO, A.K.A. THE TOTALLY AWESOME HULK.

HEY, DUDE! WHATCHA COOKING?

TURKEY CHILI, CORN ON THE COB AND CATFISH TACOS!

TACOS?

DUDE, I'M FROM *ARIZONA.*

SMELLS DELICIOUS. CAN I HELP?

OMIGOD, IT'S T'CHALLA!

YES, IT IS.

T'CHALLA, A.K.A. THE BLACK PANTHER, KING OF WAKANDA, KING OF THE DEAD AND THE CHAMPION OF BAST. TWO-TIME *TIME* MAGAZINE "PERSON OF THE YEAR." SIX-TIME *PEOPLE* MAGAZINE "SEXIEST MAN ALIVE."

OMIGOD. I'M SORRY. THAT WAS...I MEAN...

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, SILK. MS. MARVEL.

LIKEWISE. IT'S AN HONOR--

HERE, T'CHALLA, YOU CAN KEEP AN EYE ON THE FISH.

IF YOU'LL PARDON ME...

OMIGOD. TELL ME I DIDN'T JUST MAKE A TOTAL FOOL OF MYSELF.
I...
...CAN'T REALLY DO THAT?
OH, CRAP.
COMING THROUGH, COMING THROUGH!
MMM!
SMELLS GOOD, RIGHT?
OKAY, THREE SCARIEST WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE...
...*"ALLERGIC TO RICE."*
AAAAGH!
HA HA HA HA!
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH. STEAMED WHITE RICE WITH *TACOS?*
OH, THAT'S NOTHING.
WHEN I WAS A KID IN HAWAII, WE HAD RICE WITH EVERYTHING.
I MEAN, WE HAD RICE WITH *SPAGHETTI.*
OH, YEAH!
WITH *KIMCHI* ON THE SIDE!
YOU PUT THAT...IN A *MUG?*
DUDE, WHATEVER. IT'S *KIMCHI.*
YUSS!
HA HA HA!

96 MINUTES AND 37 TACOS LATER...

NOMNOMNOMNOMNOMNOMNOMNOM

WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY, BRO?

YES. WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

WAIT, WHAT?

WE'RE HERE FOR A *REASON*, AREN'T WE, AMADEUS?

UFF.

WELL...

ALL RIGHT.

HERE IT IS.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, A WHILE BACK, I CURED ***BRUCE BANNER*** AND TOOK OVER THE POWER OF THE ***HULK.***

BANNER ALWAYS THOUGHT BEING THE HULK WAS A ***CURSE...***

...BUT I KNEW BETTER.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE.

HEH. I WAS GONNA BE THE ***BEST HULK*** THERE EVER ***WAS.***

AND IT WORKED PRETTY WELL, RIGHT?

I MEAN, YOU GUYS WERE PART OF IT--WE ***SAVED*** THE ***EARTH*** FROM ***PRINCE PHALKON*** OF ***SEKNARF SEVEN!***

AND WE SIGNED 317 NEW POTENTIAL DONORS UP FOR THE BONE MARROW REGISTRY!

HECK YEAH!

GO, ***PROTECTORS!***

SO...I INVITED Y'ALL HERE TODAY...

...'CAUSE YOU GUYS HAVE KINDA HAD MY ***BACK*** OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

I MEAN, I DROVE A BUNCH OF Y'ALL CRAZY.

AND SOMETIMES YOU ***KICKED*** MY ***BUTT.***

BUT I LOVE YOU ANYWAY...

...'CAUSE I ***NEEDED*** THAT.

CORRECTION...

...I ***NEED*** THAT.

SEE, OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE...

...I'VE LEARNED A LITTLE *MORE* ABOUT THE HULK...

...AND WHAT HE'S *CAPABLE* OF.

I MEAN, WE *ALL* KNOW HE'S CAPABLE OF ALMOST *ANYTHING.*

HE'S THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS. BUT NOW HE'S...HE'S...

AMADEUS...

...YOU'RE... TALKING IN *THIRD PERSON...*

YEAH. NOT A GOOD SIGN, RIGHT?

THE HULK HAS BEEN...

HANG ON... WHAT...

...I MEAN, *I'VE* BEEN...

...A LITTLE OUT OF CONTROL.

HOW OUT OF CONTROL?

THAT'S WHAT I'M HOPING Y'ALL WILL HELP ME *FIND OUT.*

32 HOURS LATER.
THE MOON.

HOO BOY.

RELAX, AMADEUS.

I'M COOL, I'M COOL.

OLYMPUS GROUP SHUTTLE LAB A-343.
ONE MILE ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE MOON.

YOU ASKED EVERYONE TO HELP YOU COME UP WITH A PLAN.

YEAH, I KNOW...

...AND IT'S AN AWESOME PLAN.

HOW'S THE TRANSVERSE BRACE COMING ALONG?

EVERYONE'S PLUGGING IN NOW.

IT'S ALL WORKING PERFECTLY, AMADEUS! CHILL!

OKAY OKAY OKAY...

SERIOUSLY, CALM DOWN.

WE WORKED THIS OUT.

WE'RE 238,901 MILES FROM HUMAN CIVILIZATION.

NOBODY'S GONNA GET HURT.

YEAH?

REPLICA OF TSAR BOMBA, 50 MEGATON RDS-220, THE LARGEST NUCLEAR BOMB EVER DETONATED IN HUMAN HISTORY.

DEFINE "NOBODY."

SKRAKOOM

AAAAGH!

ALL RIGHT, AMADEUS. THAT *PRIMED* THE *PUMP.*

YOUR *EPINEPHRINE LEVELS* JUST SHOT OFF THE SCALE, EXACTLY AS ANTICIPATED.

I'M ACTIVATING THE *TRANSVERSE BRACE...*

HNNNNNNNN

WHOOP!

OKAY, AMMY. THAT *ITCH* IN YOUR *CEREBELLUM* IS THE *PSYCHIC CONNECTION* KICKING IN.

WE'RE *ALL* GONNA BE *WITH YOU* THIS TIME.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK.

LET GO, AMADEUS...

...LET HIM OUT...

KTHOOOOM

KTHOOOOM

...AND WE'LL FACE HIM TOGETHER.

OH, GOD...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, AMMY.

NO...

KTHOOOOM

...YOU GUYS...THIS... THIS IS A *HUGE MISTAKE.*

YOU'VE GOT TO *RUN.*

AMADEUS, COME ON.

THIS IS *IMAGINARY.* WE'RE JUST IN YOUR *BRAIN.* AND YOUR *PHYSICAL BODY* IS ON THE *MOON.*

THERE'S *NO WAY* ANYONE CAN GET *HURT.*

THIS IS THE *PLAN.*

A *SAFE PLACE* WHERE WE CAN HELP YOU FIGURE OUT *WHO* OR *WHAT* IS IN THAT TRUNK...

OKAY, OKAY...

KTHOOOOM

HERE WE GO.

CLICK

KTHOOOOM

GRAAA

...YOU MIGHT WANT TO *TURN AROUND.*

HOLY CRAP.

IT...IT *WORKED.*

SO FAR...

GO ON. TALK TO HIM.

WHEW.

HEY...

...UH...

...HULK.

I'M AMADEUS.

DO YOU... DO YOU *KNOW* ME?

LET ME LOOSE.

UH... I JUST *DID?*

NO. YOU'RE STILL HOLDING BACK.

ALWAYS HOLDING BACK.

LOOK, I JUST...I JUST WANT TO *TALK* FOR A MINUTE...

BROUGHT YOUR *FRIENDS,* HUH?

YOU THINK THEY CAN HELP YOU?

WELL. *YEAH.*

THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT 'EM, *DUH.*

DON'T YOU WORRY, THEY'RE GONNA *RUN...*

...WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHAT YOU *REALLY* ARE.

HEY. WE ALREADY *KNOW* WHO HE IS.

YEAH, THEY ALREADY KNOW!

YEAH! HE'S A COCKY, IMPULSIVE KNOW-IT-ALL!

AND HE'S GOT AN ALMOST *PATHOLOGICAL RESISTANCE* TO BENDING TO ANY KIND OF *AUTHORITY.*

OKAY, GUYS, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOR--

AND HE ALMOST ALWAYS *UNDERMINES* EVERY TEAM PLAN HE EVER AGREES TO BY POPPING UP WITH SOME *SECRET PLAN* OF HIS OWN AT THE *LAST MINUTE.*

OH, MAN.

BUT--

HE'S NEVER *MEAN* OR *CRUEL.*

AND HE'S NOT DRIVEN BY *ANGER.*

WHICH MAKES ME PRETTY DARN SURE...

...HE'S NOT *YOU.*

THANKS.

NO PROB.

YEAH...

...SO...

...WHO *ARE* YOU?

ARE YOU...

...ARE YOU *BANNER?*

OH, *THAT'D* BE CONVENIENT.

BEST WAY TO *EXONERATE* YOURSELF FROM YOUR *SINS.*

MY SINS?

SO YOU'RE SAYING...

...YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE *ME?*

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU WEREN'T *ANGRY?*

BUT I'M-- I'M *NOT!*

I MEAN, THINGS MAKE ME ANGRY, ALL THE TIME. BUT THAT'S JUST *LIFE*-- THAT'S NOT MY *DEAL.*

BANNER HIMSELF TOLD ME.

MY SIN IS *PRIDE.*

RIGHT, GUYS? THAT MAKES SENSE, RIGHT?

HUH.

YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT.

YEAH. EVERYTHING THAT MAKES YOU *ANNOYING*...

...THAT COULD COME FROM *PRIDE.*

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK *PRIDE* COMES FROM?

THESE PEOPLE YOU CALL YOUR *FRIENDS*...

...ALL THEY DO IS *LAUGH* AT YOU.

SHUT UP.

JUDGE YOU.

MOCK YOU.

STOP!

YEAH! I MEAN, *NO!* WE'RE JUST *TEASING.* WE DON'T--

HE WAS *TERRIFIED* TO ASK YOU FOR *HELP.*

BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT YOU *REALLY THINK* OF HIM.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! AMADEUS--

AND THEN THERE'S HIS *SISTER*...

YOUR *PARENTS* WERE *MURDERED.*

HIS GIFTS COULDN'T SAVE THEM...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU--

...AND YOU'LL *HATE* HIM FOR IT *FOREVER.*

THAT'S *BULL!*

AMADEUS, YOU KNOW THIS IS BULL, RIGHT?

WE TALKED THROUGH THIS ALREADY!

YOU CAN TALK ALL YOU WANT.

BUT YOU'LL NEVER REALLY BE ABLE TO LET THAT GO...

...AND HE'LL ALWAYS *HATE* YOU FOR IT.

NO, I WON'T!

THAT'S A *LIE!*

ADMIT IT, BOY.

YOU HATE THEM *ALL.*

NO!

AMADEUS!

THE HULK--

RICHTER SCALE 123.2 AND CLIMBING.

--THE HULK'S GOING TO *BREAK THE MOON!*

RAAAGH!

OH MY GOD.

OH MY GOD!

DON'T WORRY, AMADEUS!

YOU CAN HOLD HIM BACK!

JUST *FOCUS*--

NO... NOT THIS TIME...

T'CHALLA! NOW!

VEEEP

WHAT--

GRRRAAAAAAA!

NANOBOTS DEPLOYED.

T'CHALLA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

KAMALA WAS *RIGHT* ABOUT ONE THING--AMADEUS ALWAYS *DOES* HAVE ANOTHER PLAN.

HE ASKED ME TO PROVIDE A *FAIL-SAFE*...

"...JUST IN CASE."

GRRAAAAAAA!

SKRAK

WHAT-- WHERE'S THAT *SHUTTLE* GOING?

I'M SORRY, MADDY.

BUT AMADEUS IS RIGHT. HE'S TOO *DANGEROUS.*

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? AMADEUS IS *FINE!*

IT'S THE *HULK* THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

SAME THING, THOUGH, ISN'T IT?

JAKE, NO.

THAT'S NOT *BANNER* IN THERE OR *ANYONE ELSE.* HE WAS TALKING TO *HIMSELF.*

THERE'S-- THERE'S GOTTA BE ANOTHER WAY.

THIS *IS* THE OTHER WAY.

THE NANOBOTS HAVE CREATED A FULLY-EQUIPPED LAB INSIDE THAT SHUTTLE. HE'LL HAVE EVERY RESOURCE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON--

HOW CAN SOMEONE SO *SMART* BE SO *DUMB?*

I MEAN, *DAMMIT,* T'CHALLA...

8M

"...DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME SOMEONE SHOT THE *HULK* INTO SPACE?"

GRRADAADA!

TO BE CONTINUED IN INCREDIBLE HULK #709...

"RETURN TO PLANET HULK!"

NEXT:

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INCREDIBLE HULK #709

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